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SUBJ: BERLIN DECLARATION WARMLY RECEIVED; SMALL NOTE OF CRITICISM
FOR PRESIDENT CARTER

RER: LONDON 7572 (NOTAL) DTG 091417Z MAY 77

1. DECLARATION ON BERLIN BY CHIEFS OF STATE OF FRANCE,
UNITED KINGDOM, US, AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
DELIVERED IN LONDON MAY 9 RECEIVED HEADLINE PLAY
IN WEST BERLIN PRESS. PRO-SPD SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT SAID
DECLARATION CAN BE REGISTERED "WITH SPECIAL SATISFACTION
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IN THE FRG AND ABOVE ALL IN WEST BERLIN, AND WAS ENCOURAGED
THAT DECLARATION SHOWED "FUTURE CONSENSUS AMONG FOUR
POWERS, SOMETHING OF ELEMENTARY IMPORTANCE FOR BERLIN'S
SECURITY." NO ONE NEED FEAR LACK OF POLITICAL DETERMINA-
TION BY WESTERN POWERS ON BERLIN, VOLKSBLATT EDITORIAL
CONCLUDED, AND IN THE EAST NO ONE CAN HOPE FOR IT.
BERLINER MORGENPOST EMPHASIZED EXPRESS MENTION IN

DECLARATION OF CALL FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL APPLICATION OF TIES BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND FRG, CONTRASTING SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO GDR ABRASIMOV'S STATEMENT AT GDR/CDU EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (SEPTEL) WHICH IGNORED TIES BUT "BLEW KISSES" TO NEW GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE. VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS MENTIONED PART OF DECLARATION STATING THAT DETENTE WOULD BE SERIOUSLY THREATENED IF ANY ONE OF THE FOUR SIGNATORY POWERS TO QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WERE NOT TO RESPECT ITS UNDERTAKING. ALSO NOTED WAS SECTION REAFFIRMING FOUR POWER (US, FRANCE, UK, SOVIET UNION) RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BERLIN AND GERMANY AS A WHOLE, WHICH COULD NOT BE MODIFIED UNILATERALLY. CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH OF DECLARATION PLEDGING US, UK, FRENCH, AND FRG COOPERATION IN MAINTAINING POLITICAL SITUATION CONDUCIVE TO VITALITY AND PROSPERITY OF WEST BERLIN WAS ALSO PICKED UP BY WEST BERLIN NEWS-PAPERS.

2. BERLIN SENAT SPOKESMAN STRUVE EXPRESSED SENAT'S "GRATITUDE AND SATISFACTION" WITH DECLARATION, WHICH HE SAID MADE CLEAR WEST BERLIN'S SECURITY AND TIES TO THE WESTERN SYSTEM OF ALLIANCES.

3. WEST BERLIN DAILIES REPORTED WIDELY PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS THAT THE BERLIN WALL IS A VERY IRRITATING SIGN OF THE HUNGER FOR FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE IN EAST GERMANY AND HIS HOPE AND SELF-EVIDENT DESIRE-- THAT WALL CAN BE DONE AWAY WITH.

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4. MATTHIAS WALDEN, IN DIE WELT MAY 10 EDITORIAL, CRITICIZED PRESIDENT CARTER'S "KNOWLEDGE GAP" ON BERLIN, TERMING "TOO FAR FROM REALITY" HIS LONDON PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT WEST GERMAN MILITARY PATROLS TRAVEL IN EAST BERLIN WHILE SOVIET AND GDR SOLDIERS EXERCISE A SIMILAR MILITARY PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN. ALTHOUGH THE US PRESIDENT NEED NOT KNOW ALL DETAILS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE TO RULE, IN HIS CASE IT DOES NOT MERELY CONCERN DETAILS THAT CAN BE LEFT TO SPECIAL ADVISERS. THE PRESIDENT HAS MORE TO LEARN ABOUT BERLIN, WALDEN COUNSELED, AND THE BEST WAY WOULD BE TO VISIT THE CITY.

5. EAST GERMAN PRESS HAS NOT YET MENTIONED "DECLARATION ON BERLIN."

6. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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